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Classified By: AMBASSADOR JANET A. SANDERSON, REASONS 1.4(B) AND (D).

1. (C) Summary. All interviewees concurred that the basis for the violence in Gonaives is political: specifically, the political rivalry between 1. (C) Poloff on May 30-31 conducted nine interviews in Gonaives, of which two were with politicians, two with law enforcement, and five with 1. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX, framed the violence in Gonaives as the result of unresolved political tensions between two groups, which he declined to i 1. (C) When asked about his relationship with Latortue, XXXXXXXXXXXX claimed that Latortue did not talk to him since the XXXXXXXXXXXX lost the 1. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX began his comments by noting that the reasons for the tension and insecurity in Gonaives are "always tied to politics," 1. (C) Reforming the justice system is one of XXXXXXXXXXXX main political objectives. For this reason, he noted that XXXXXXXXXXXX participated 1. (C) Comment. XXXXXXXXXXXX, who appears to be in a tough political spot, may have few politically powerful friends. He believes that the GoF 1. (C) Comment continued. In spite of the elections and democracy, politics is still viewed through the prism of gang warfare in Gonaives. Whi TIGHE